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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.---This body shall be known as *The Wake Baptist Association.*

ART. II.---The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. III.---This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by churches connected with it, each church being entitled to at least one delegate, and then one delegate for each hundred members or fraction thereof. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association *ex-officio*, and Ministers who are not in charge of or connected with churches within the bounds of this Association, who present testimonials of good standing in the Baptist denomination, may become members of this Association by payment of $1. annually; provided, ministers who aided in the organization, of this Association shall be considered members so long as they are in good standing in the Baptist denomination; also any layman in good standing in a Baptist Church, may become an annual member by the payment of $1.00.

ART. IV.---The delegate from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all fund contributed for the benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V.---The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, a Vice Moderator, a Clerk, a Corrisponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and a Statistician: whose duty shall be such as are generally performed by such officers. In addition, there shall be appointed a Home Board, Foreign Mission Board, an Educational Board, Sunday School Board, and an Executive Board: which latter shall have charge of the work of the Association during the interim of its annual sessions, and three members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum, and the officers of the body shall be ex-officio, members. The other Boards shall have supervision of the work of the Association along their several lines, subject to the Executive Board and the Association, and shall so organize the territory of the Association as to accomplish the best results, but not contrary to the Executive Board or the Association.

ART. VI-- It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution preserve decorum, appoint committees decide all questions of order give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken or when called upon and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII--It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the proceeding of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the Churches.

ART. VIII--It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the purpose for which they were sent or collected. He shall not pay any order on the Treasurer except it is sign by the Moderator and the Clerk of the Association subject to the provision in the By-Laws.

ART. IX-- Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual sesssion of the Association through delegates appointed for that purpose; and if the Association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend to the delegate the right hand of fellowship.

ART. X.--This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any Church that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XI.--The Association may invite visiting Brethren to seats and extend to them all privilege of the body save that of voting.

ART. XII.--The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in August, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIII.---All ministers composing the Association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year in such place as the brethren may designate.

ART. XIV.--We will receive no ministers into this Association but those who have a good moral character.

ART. XV.--Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within the bounds of this Association may become a member of the Association by sending voluntary contributions. Each shall be entitled to one delegate.

ART. XVI.--We will withdraw the right hand of fellowship from every minister who walks disorderly and contrary to the gospel rule.

ART. XVII.--Each church connected with this Association can continue its membership by supporting this constitution.

ART. XVIII.--By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each session an introductory sermon.

ART. XIX--This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1. All moneys sent from churches, Sunday-schools, Societies and individuals shall be acknowledged in the minutes of the Association.

Sec. 2. Before the final adjournment of the Association, all the funds, notes, etc., shall be counted by the Finance Committe and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give the Finance Committee a receipt for the amount placed in his hands.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer, before receiving any funds from the Association, shall give a justified bond for a sum double the amount of that which may come into his hands, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Sec. 4. No Missionary or agent of this Association shall be Treasurer.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall pay out no money except an order written by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator.

Sec. 6. After the expenses of the Association shall have been paid the remaining associational funds shall shall be applied to such purpose as the association may direct. The Executive Board shall execute the plans adopted by the association.

Sec. 7. The Treasurer shall turn over to his successor all funds, notes, books and papers belonging to the association as soon as his successor shall give bond as directed in the above section.

Sec. 8. Should the newly elected Treasurer in any case fail to quality the finance committee shall retain the funds and be held responsible for the same till a Treasurer is elected or the Executive Board shall qualify.

Sec. 9. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make annual reports to the Association.

Sec. 10. The duties of the Boards provided for in this Constitution shall be such as are usually performed by such Boards in other similar bodies.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Address of welcome.
3. Response by the Moderator.
4. Introductory sermon.
5. Enrollment of Delegates.
6. Appointment of Committees.
   (a) Committee on hours, etc.,
   (b) Committee on Credentials.
   [c] Committee on Finance.
   [d] Committee on Letters.
   [e] Committee on Resolutions.
   (f) Committee on Reception of Churches.
7. Reports of Executive Board.
8. Report of Missionary Board.
9. Report of Educational Board.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Report of other Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Address on Mission and Educational Work.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR THOSE HAVING THE MINISTRY IN VIEW.

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, United States History, General History, Geography, and Scripture Geography, Theology, Systematic Theology, [Pendleton.] The Church, [Harvey,] Deaconship, [Howell,] Church Discipline, [Hiscox,] Homiletics, [Broadus], History of the Baptist denomination and the History of the Bible.

The course of study was adopted unanimously by the Association. and the churches are requested to license no person who cannot pass a creditable examination on reading, Writing, the fundamental principles of arithmetic, grammer and geography. and to ordain no person who cannot pass a satisfactory examination on the entire course.

PROCEEDINGS.

WAKEFIELD, N. C.

Aug. 16th. 1916.

The Wake Baptist Association met with the Wakefield Baptist Church in its Fiftieth Annual Session, Wednesday morning, Aug. 16th. 1916.

The Association was called to —— order at 10:30 o'clock by the Moderator, Prof. J. W. Ligon.

The praise service was conducted by Dr. S. N. Vass and Rev. J. H. Halbert. Bro. Halbert announced hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus name" etc., which was sung by the Association. Dr. Vass read for a scripture lesson part of 4th. chapter of Thes. and also part of 2nd. chap. Thes. Prayer was offered by Bro. Halbert. Hymn "my soul be on thy guard" was sung. Dr. Vass suggested the "Second coming of the Lord" as a subject for the meeting and made some helpful remarks on what should be the christians attitude to ward this subject. several brethren made encouraging remarks and many fervent prayers were offered.

At the close of the praise service the moderator presented to the association Rev. G. W. Moore the pastor of the wakefield church who delivered the address of welcome Bro. Moore began his address by reading the 133 psalms. Bro. Moore said we have been praying and working and preparing for your coming we have been building a house in which for you to meet we heartily welcome you to this house and people.

The address of Bro. Moore was warm and well received Rev. H. Pair one of the oldest members of the association was introduced to respond to the welcome address. Bro.Pair.said among other things that he had

attended forty five consecutive annual sessions of the association except one Bro. Pair in accepting the welcome extended to the brethren; expressed the sentiments of the association the pastor and deacons of the church were appointed a committee on hours of meeting.

Brethren C. C. Clark, R. W. Underwood, and T. J Seawell were appointed a committee on enrollment.

Bro. Debnam give an account of the great meeting in progress at Union Grove church Bro. I. W. Holden spoke of his early experience in this church, when he was married in this place.

Brethren; W. H. Ray, I. W. Holden, W. H. Mclain, A. J. Chavis, T. S. Stokes, W. C. High, and Rev. R. W. Underwood, were appointed a committee on finance.

The committee on hours reported as follows: meet at 9:30 adjourn at 12:30 meet at 2. P. M. adjourn at 4:30 P. M. meet at 7:30 adjo rn at pleasure.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS;

Dr A. W. Pegues, Dr. G. W. Moore, Rev. H. Pair, Bro Isham Hinton, Bro. H. D. Debnam, Dr. W. A. Jones, Bro. W. B. S. Harris, and Dr. A. B. Vincent.

Dr. G. W. Moore raised a collection of $2.35 after which the association adjourned with benediction by Rev. H. Pair

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Wednesday Afternoon Session.

The association met at 2:30 Devotions were conducted by Dr. W. A. Jones, and Rev R. W. Underwood. Dr. Jones, read Acts 27: 1—31 prayer was offered by Bro. Edgerton, Rev. Underwood, led in the song, " I am not ashame to own my Lord ".

A few minutes were devoted to giving expression of thanksgivings to God for the blessings received during this year.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted. Rev. H. Pair, the Vice-Moderator was called to the chair and the Moderator delivered his annual address. The following were appointed a committee, on the Moderator's address; Dr. A. B. Vincent, Dr. G. W. Moore, and Bro. I. W. Holden.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE;
Rev. A. T. Price, Rev. E. A. Powell, and Bro. Robert Wheelor.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

Bros. I. C. Jeffrey. Levi Hockaday, J. A. H. Kornegay, R. B. Mangum, S. S. Person, W. E. Egerton, C. M. Lassiter and S. H. Ferrell.

The Moderator announced that the hour had arrived to hear from brethren representing the different churches.

Bro. I. C. Jeffreys of Rolesville church, said; "that his church was going to do her whole duty in raising the $1000.00.

Bro. W. E. Egerton spoke of his work in the Wake Baptist Church.

Bro. Hays is as pleased to meet the Association for the first time in thirty-nine year. Bro. Hays represented the Olive Branch church.

Bro. Williamson spoke encouraging words, and brought good tidings from his church which he had represented three times.

Bro. S. M. Lucas, represented his church and gave a good account of the work.

Bro. H. R. Goodson was presented to the Association and spoke interesting remarks. Bro. Goodson,

brought greetings from the Johnson Association.

Bro. Geo. Clark next spoke of his hope as a Christain.

Bro. Wiggins spoke of the work of Elizabeth church and the Pastor.

Bro. Todd represented Stokes Chapel, said: "The church was prosperous".

Bro. Dunn gave a good report of his church, Friendship, Forestville.

Riley Hill was represented by Bro. S. H. Ferrell. His church has complied with the request of the Association in raising the amount of money required.

Bro. W. L. Speed representing the Union Baptist Church, gave a good report of the church.

Bro. M. T. Jones, report that Gethsemany church was in prosperous condition.

Bro. W. T. Balden gave an encouraging report of his church, Wakefield Baptist, and the commodious building now nearing completion.

Bro. Moses Hayes of New Light Church, gave a good report of his church and Pastor, Rev. C. H. Dunn. He said: "our Paster and members are pushing the work, the Pastor makes himself one of us, helps us bear our burdens. We are fighting for the cause of our Lord and Master.

Bro. Mangum representing the Woodland Church which is striving to do its whole duty.

Bro. A. L. Bowen of the Zebulon Baptist Church, next spoke of the good work of his church which started in a prayer meeting five years ago.

The Association adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. H. Freeman.

Night Session.

Devotions were conducted by Bro. C. D. Jones and W. H. Reddiik.

The Moderator then presented delegates and asked them to give expressions of the condition of their churches.

Bro. Frank R. Smith of Martin St. Raleigh, spoke of his church and the progress it is making.

Bro. C. D. Jones of St. Matthe vs, spoke of the inspiration he had gotton from the association, and also of the work of the churches.

Bro. Washington Hayes, spoke encouraging words of his church and Sunday School.

Bro. W. H. Reddick made encouraging remarks.

Mr. W. F. Young, of Norfolk, Va., was introduced to the association, and spoke of the taking, and reading Negro papers.

The moderator introduced Dr. A.W. Pegues, who preached the introductory sermon. After prayer by Dr. C. E. Askew, Dr. Pegues, chose for a text, Phil. 4:8, and ably presented the following points:

1. we are to build up a spiritual Church.
2. There is a serious side to it.
3. Spiritual life depends upon a mental attitude
4. Reading and talking helps to make the mind pure or impure.
5. Christian life should be samples of God's grace.
6. All preaching is vain if we do not think over good thoughts.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. W. Underwood.

Thursday Morning Session.

The association met at 9:45. Praise service was conducted by Dr. C. E. Askew, he gave a rich scriptual lesson, after many passages of scripture were quoted by the members of the association.

Spiritual songs were sung and fervent prayers offered.

Minutes of Wednesday afternoon and night session were read and approved.

" The Christian Life Its source " was ably discussed by Dr. S. H. Witherspoon. " Its Princeples " by Dr. C. E. Askew.

Committees on place and Obituary were appointed

The Moderator introduced Dr. S. N. Vass, who spoke on the doctrine of the Baptist, and some of the errors held by many good people. The address of Dr. Vass, was able and impressive and greatly enjoyed by the association,

At the conclusion of the address, the choir rendered an excellent piece of music

The Treasurer submitted his report which was received and referred to the Auditor.

Dr. A. B. Vincent, Chairman of the Sunday-School Board, submitted his report; the report, after some remarks by Dr Vass, was adopted.

Bro. I. C. Jeffreys wants the Sunday Schools of the County, to report to the association.

After a selection by the choir, Sister Sallie A. Mial was presented to the association, and gave an interesting address on her work, and the work of the Woman's Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. C. E. Askew, and Rev. G. W. Moore, lifted a collection for Foreign Missions, amount, $12.07.

Voted that the last 15 minutes this afternoon be given to Sister Poindexter, who represents the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Benediction by Dr. S. H. Witherspoon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The association was called to order at 2:30. Revs. J. H. Halbert, J. W. Carrington. conducted the devotions. "Amazing sight the Savior stands and knocks at every door", was sung. Bro. Carrington read the scripture lesson and led in prayer

After singing. "Come holy spirit", etc., the minutes of the morning session were read.

The Chairman of the Ministerial Board, submitted his annual report; after some remarks by Rev. D. S. Saulter, the report was adopted.

By motion of Dr. S. N. Vass, Bible History was added to the course of study for licensed Ministers.

Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, reported for the Foreign Mission Board

"Our young people, their opportunity", was discussed, by Prof. J. Lassiter.

Mr. C. E. Lightner, and Prof. W. H. Fuller, were introduced to the association, both made remarks which were well received.

The committee on finance made a partial report. The committee on the Moderators address, submitted their report. Remarks on the report were made by Dr. A. W. Pegues, Bro. Jacob Stancell, Dr. S. N. Vass, Bro. Hopkins, and Bro. Turner. After which the report was adopted.

Mrs. L. R. Poindexter, was presented to the association and spoke on the work of the Orphan Ayslum at Winston—Salem, N. C.

Prof. W. H. Fuller, and Mr. C. Lightner. lifted a collection for the Orphan work amount; $8.10

Benediction by Rev. D. S. Saulter.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Met at 8: o'clock; Praise service was conducted by Bros. H. T. Smith, S. A. Todd. Bro. Smith read Psalms, 133, and offered prayer. The congregation joined in singing, "Rocks of Ages".

The minutes of the afternoon session were read &. adopted.

The committee on Temperance submitted their report; after some remarks by Dr. S. N. Vass, Editor, W. E. Young. of Norfolk, Va., was presented to the association, and spoke on the report of the Temperance committee, Dr. A. B. Vincent, emphasized the importance of moderation in dress. Rev. D. S. Saulter, also spoke on the report, which was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the Educational sermon Prof. C. F. Pope, was presented to the association to preach the sermon. Prof. Pope, chose as a text, "2nd Peter, 3:18," subject, "Growth in knowledge". the sermon was practical, and impressive and well received, at the conclusion of the sermon, Dr. S. N. Vass, led in prayer.

Prof. J. Levister, and Rev. D. S. Saulter, lifted a collection for Ministerial Education, amount, $10.36.

Benediction by Rev. C. F. Pope.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order at 10:30. Dr. S. H. Witherspoon conducted the praise service, as-

sisted by Rev. H. Pair. "Let me love Thee more and more", was sung. Rev. Pair read a scripture lesson from Romans 8th. chapt. and led in prayer. "I heard the voice of Jesus say come unto me and rest". was sung.

Minutes of the night session were read and adopted.

The committee on the revision of the constitution made their report; after some discussion, the report was amended by striking out article 20 of Constitution and substituting the budget plan. Voted that the amount of the budget plan for this year shall be $1000. (one thousand dollars).

On motion it was voted that it is the sense of this association that all pastors of churches belonging to this association, shall attend its annual sessions.

The Constitution was so amended to allow any member in good standing may become a member of this association by the payment of $1. [one dollar]

The Committee on nomination of Officers, made their report; adopted. The Committee on Obituary reported; adopted.

Voted that the last ten minutes of the morning session be giving to Dr. S. N. Vass.

The association voted that the next annual meeting will be held with the Olive Branch church Wakeforest.

The finance Committee made their final report which was adopted. The Committee on Resolutions made their report which was adopted.

Dr. S. N. Vass, addressed the association on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Drs. L. B. Capehart, P. F. Roberts, Prof. C. R. Frazer and Rev. S. G. Newsome, were introduced to

the association, and helpful remarks were made by Dean Frazer and Dr. Capehart.

A collection was taken for the American Baptist Publication Society, amount, $3. 10.

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Carrington.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 3:00 P. M. Devotions were conducted by Rev. D. S. Saulter and Dr. A. W. Pegues.

Minutes of morning session were read and adopted. Delegates were elected to other religious bodies as follows:

Lott-Carey Foreign Mission Convention; Dr. A. B. Vincent, Rev. H. Pair and Dr. S. H. Witherspoon.

The Moderator announced that the hour had arrived for the special anniversary program.

Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, spoke of the Moderators and their work. What the association has done for Missions; by Dr. A. W. Pegues.

"What this Association has done in church building", was discussed by Dr. N. F. Roberts.

"What the Association has contributed to Education", by Dr. A. B. Vincent. "What the Association has done for the Colored Orphan Asylum", by Rev. S. G. Newsome. "What the Women have contributed to this Association", was ably presented by Mrs. S. A. Mial, Mrs. Chana Smith and Mrs Mamie Strickland.

Mrs. Evans, the Widow of the late, Dr. J. J. Worlds, was introduced to the Association, and spoke of the Monument she is planning to erect in memory of her late, husband.

"Some of the leading spirits in the early history of

the Association".

1st. Dr. C. Johnson: by Bro. I. C. Jeffreys.

2nd. Dr. G. W. Perry: by Prof. J. W. Ligon.

3rd. Dr. H. M. Tupper: by Rev. D. S. Saulter

4th. Bro. A. B. Fleming: by Dr. S. N. Vass.

Bro. Jackson Yarboro, who was in the organization of the Association, was presented to the association, and gave some of his early recollections of its work. A collection of $——was lifted for Bro. Yarboro.

After remarks by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Wakeforest, N. C., in 1917.

Rev. J. W. Ligon,
Moderator

Dr. N. F. Roberts,
Secretary.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Tupper Memorial Baptist Church–Dr. S. N. Vass, Jacob Stancell, Raleigh.

First Baptist Church, Franklinton–Rev. S. S. Person, C. P. Harris, H. B. Cook, Franklinton, Dr. A. W. Pegues, Raleigh.

Springfield Baptist Church–Rev. J. W. Ligon, Raleigh, I. J. Seawell, Raleigh, R. F. D. 2. E. D. Snow R. R. Henderson, Auburn,.

Oberlin Baptist Church–Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, R. L. Hunter, Wm. Smith, Raleigh.

Martin St. Church—F. R. Smith, Raleigh.

Juniper Level Baptist Church—Rev. A. T. Price, Raleigh, H. Turner, J. I. Walton, Garner, Route 1.

Stokes Chapel–Rev. C. H. Dunn, Wakeforest, S. A. Todd, Middlesex.

Springhope———Rev. A. T. Price, Raleigh, W. W. Dunn, Jones Hill, H. A. Clements, Springhope.

Pleasant Grove—Aaron Todd, Washington Hayes,

Oak City Bapt. Church—W. B. S. Harris, Method.

Riley Hill Church———Rev. H. Pair, Knightdale, John Ferrell, Zebulon, R. 3. S. H. Ferrell, Wendell, R. 2. Guyon Perry, Wendell, R. 2.

Gethsemane Church—Rev. H. Pair, Knightdale, M. T. Jones, Springhope.

Wake Chapel—W. E. Egerton, Raleigh, Route 1.

Felts Chapel–A. L. Cook, C. D. Perry, Louisburg, R. 1. S. M. Lucas, Youngsville, R. 1.

Macedonia Church–B. W. Young, G. W. Dunston, Wakeforest, R. 1.

St. Matthews Church—Rev. H. Pair, Knightdale, J. H. Hunter, Raleigh, R. 5. C. D. Jones. Raleigh, Route 2.

Malaby's X Road—Rev. H. Pair, Knightdale, John Evans, Raleigh, R. 5.

Union Grove Church—R. P. Emory, H. D. Debman Youngsville, R. 2.

Elizabeth Church—Robert C. Wheeler, Middlesex, Route 2, Elonzo Wiggins, Springhope, R. 3.

Friendship Chapel—W. T. Alston, Cary Dunn, Sanford Baily, Wakefield,

Mt. Moriah Church—G. W. Nichols, Louisburg.

Middlesex—Rev. G. S. Staton, H. L. Hart, Middlesex.

Newlight Church—Moses Hayes, Neuse, Avery Hockaday, Creedmore..

New Bethel—I. C. Jeffreys, C. D. Dunston, Wakeforest, Rev. D. S. Saulter. High Point.

Liberty Baptist Church—Albert Perry, Wm. May, Louisburg, I. W. Holden, Youngsville.

Main Street Church—J. L. G. Cook, Louisburg, Rev. J. H. Halbert, Raleigh.

Bethlehem Church—A. J. Chavis, Rev. C.C. Clark Raleigh,R. 1.

Olive Branch Church—Rev. P. W. Land, W. M. Harris, Wakeforest,

Friendship Chapel—C. M. Dunn, Wakeforest,

Nelsons Chapel—John Williams, Louisburg,

Woodland Chapel—R. B. Mangum, Wakeforest, Rev. W. H. Freeman, Clayton.

Holly Springs,—David H. Jones, W. H. Peddy, Holly Springs.

First Baptist Franklinton———Dr. A. W. Pegues, Raleigh, C. P. Harris, H. B. Clark, Franklinton.

New Hope——G. H. Peace, Springhope,

Zebulon Baptist Church—Rev. J. A. H. Konnegay Zebulon.

New Providence—A. L. McLain, Apex, R. 2. W. H. McLain, Holly Springs.

Mt. Pleasant Church—W. H. Ray, Raleigh, R. 1. C. M. Lassister, Walter Gorman, Neuse, R. 1.

Revs. C. F. Pope, O. L. Pair, G. W. Moore, R. W. Underwood, H. R. Holt, E. A. Powell.

Annual Address

By Prof. J. W. Ligon, Moderator Wake Baptist Association.

Two score and ten years ago, our fathers organized this–the Wake Baptist Association–under the guiding hand and leadership, of Henry Martin Tupper.

They builded wiser than they knew; for little did they think that the influence of that small beginning would leap the bounds of states and nations, and cross the wide and stormy Atlantic, penetrating the jungles of that dark continent, carrying enlightment and hope to the benighted sons and daughters of Africa.

In view of the noble Christ-like spirit of the men who laid the foundation of this great organization, the progress it has made during the past fifty years, we have decided to pause long enough to note their worth, and pay homage to their noble efforts and christain manhood. It is but fitting and proper that we should do this, for too often have the glorious deeds and heroic service of our fathers been forgotton and we, their sons failed, because of a lack of inspiration which we their sons, would have had, if the God-like qualities and self sacrifices of our ancestors, had been extolled and emulated by us. But God forbid that we should ever let vanity and pride cause us to forget to cherish the memory of our sainted dead.

Fifty times have the members of this body met, planed, and devised ways and means to carry forward the evangel into all tho world. But for some cause or other, these plans have not always brought about

the desired results. However, at the 49th. Annual Session, held with the Oak City Baptist Church, at Method, the plan adopted for raising money to carry forward the great work of our churches, was by far the best plan yet adopted; and to my mind cannot fail in any Missionary Baptist Church whose pastor is alive and responsive to the great commission: and we have reason to believe that a large majority of our pastors are alive and responsive to that, "Great Commission". Therefore, we expect this, the fiftieth year to register greater progress than any previous year in the annal of this Association.

We take it that every pastor and servant of Jesus is loyal to the command of his Lord and Master: that the sheaves from all parts of the field have been gathered and are ready to be garnered.

You will permit me to say that in view of my anxiety to make this years work a grand success; and in view of the limited time the Corresponding Secretary could give to the work, I appointed myself a Missionary. My humble aid was cheerfully to the brethren in so far as I was able: I made it a point to visit them and their churches on their regular meeting days, as I wanted to do them good and not harm. And I am glad to tell you, that everywhere I went I was happily received by both pastor and congregation. On these occasions they invited me to address their Sunday Schools and preach to their people, which I did with an eye single to the good of their people and the glory of God. I made no attempt to collect money for the work for I wanted the pastor and their people to get the habit of raising all needed money for the work themselves. Among my visits, only on three occasions did I receive after collection; for my

purpose was not to receive pay for my services, but carry hope and inspiration; and from observations made on the field, I think we may congratulate our selves on the progress of our churches made during the past fifty years: and especially on the progress made during the year now closing.

A. spirit of unity and unanimity of purpose is being manifested among the various churches of the brotherhood as never before. We are realizing the great necessity co-operation, without which our churches can never accomplish their God-given mission. It is beautiful and inspiring to behold the members of a church all animated with the spirit of Christ working for the common good and to spread the gospel throughout all nations: and what more inspiring sight can one behold than to see all the ministers, pastors and churches of a community or an association working together to carry forward their exalted mission under the plan which we are now working this is possible and should obtain. I therefore recommend that the Budget plan be continued another year. It is time that we put away selfishness and self seeking from among us and labor for the sake of Christ and humanity. As the founding of the church was by the way of the cross, so the carrying forth her work must be by the Cross. "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it".

There are two great functions of the church; viz: Preaching and teaching. Good preaching is teaching, but good teaching may not be preaching. It seems to me that most pressing needs to-day are:

Good preaching and good teaching; yea, finding the meaning of God's word and then giving it to the

people in such away that they cannot misunderstand it, and persuading them to accept it, is good preaching. A pastor is not only responsible for evangelism but for the religious training of people in so far as he is able and has time and facilities. Therefore a church should use as much of its pastors time as it can, the more the better, since a pastor is responsible for the religious training of his flock, much good would be accomplished if the rural pastor would meet the superintendent and teachers at least once a month at which time the lessons for the month might be considered and methods of presenting them.

Religious education: the work of the pastor is too important to be left to untrained and indifferent workers: Since music is an important feature of divine worship, it should not be left for choice to do all the singing for church or Sunday School, so the congregation of both Church and Sunday-School should be trained to sing. It seems to me that a good deal of precious time is wasted when these choirs meet on the Lord's day in musical contest, this time could be better used in S. S. institute work, where methods of Bible study and teacher training could be had. It is hoped that the County S. S. Convention will do some real work along this line.

Our loyalty to Shaw University must not be judged by our appropriation last year. Our appropriation for Shaw was made on the basis of representation money of churches that were allowed to represent on promising to send in their money within sixty days. At the last meeting of the Executive Board the money from these churches had not been sent in. The Constitution will be inforced hereafter in this respect. Delegates whose churches fail to support the

constitution, have no right to exercise the privileges of this Association. The Committee on Credentials will see that all names enrolled are bonifide members.

Again, Shaw is located in the midst of our Associational bounds, and is our School. We should not allow any other organization to be more loyal to her than we. We should show our loyalty not only by giving liberally to her support, but by sending our Sons and Daughters there and encouraging others also. For within her walls were prepared the men who organized this Association, and whose noble christian lives have done so much, not only for the churches within her bounds, but for the Baptist of North Carolina. Her School of Theology is the department from which we must get our real leaders of religious thought. Therefore, the progress and standing of our churches will largely be determined by the standard of that department.

A word about our Rural Schools. I do not think they have kept abreast with the demands of the times as a result there are fewer Students from the various sections of the County, seeking higher education &. better preparation for life than formerly. Salaries of teachers have likewise decreased. School authorities complain of in-efficient teachers, but they seem to forget that better pay demands better teachers. I suggest that our people raise money to supplement poor salaries of teachers in their various sections and demand efficiency. There ought to be an organization in every district for the betterment of the public Schools. These organizations should be composed of the best people of the community and should work in harmony with the teachers and School board to bring their Schools to the highest degree of usefulness. To my mind there is one imperative need in

our Scoools, that imperative need is: that some some history of our race, should be taught in our Schools and in our homes also. This it seems to me, would do more to inspire the youths of our race to greater efforts to achieve their highest possibilities, their noble destiny which await them. And it is your duty to see that this is done.

Brethren; it is with a sense of shame and deep humiliation that after 50 years we are without a weekly paper through which the people might be kept informed of the propress we are making, and by which noble sentiment could be made, which would cause them to act together had work thgether for the common good; our people can never have the spirit of co-hessiveness and solidarity until they have a paper by which they may be kept informed of the needs & the progress of the work. The strong brethren of this Association should take immediate steps to arrange for a weekly paper to be published at Raleigh.

Our Ministerial Union is still active and useful, but is still ignored by some of the brethren, it ought to be a pleasure and an inspiratron for the brethren to meet and discuss the problems which are common to them. There should be the real fellowship meetings of the brethren, and the younger brethren or those aspiring to the ministry, are losing a most splindid opportunity for self improvement. We hope to see at next meeting. Two big men are at the head of it, Dr. Witherspoon is President, and Dr. Moore, is Vice.

Some of the Boards provided by the constitution seem to be useless, as the association is not receiving much help from them. It is hoped that the chairman of these boards will see that their respective boards perform the work expected of them.

Let it be understood that we are not here to sound a retreat or to take any backward steps, but to pull up the stakes, lengthen the cords, and possess the land for Christ.

Let our motto for the coming year be: Every member of our churches, not a hearer only, but a doer and a worker in the "Vineyard of the Lord".

Let us begin the years work at the beginning of the year, that is, as soon as we get back home. Do not give up because some one opposes the work, but work all the harder.

Now brethren, let us make this, the fiftieth session the most profitable and memorable in the history of the Association. By the grace of God we can do it, yes we can by eliminating self-seeking, by self-sacrifice, by patience, by high resolve, by devotion to duty and by realizing our responsibility as representatives of the 7,000.00 members and as co-workers with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And by the grace of God we will.

Reports of Committees,

REPORT OF MINSTERIAL BOARD.

Since the last annual meeting of this Association, five young men have been examined and ordained to the work of the gospel Ministry; viz: H. Y. Cheek, of Haywood Baptist church ; Levi B. Hockaday, of New Light Baptist church; J. W. Huggins, of the Baptist church of Statesville; O. L. Pair, of Good Hope Baptist church; A. A. Heartly, of Williams Mills.

Two of these brethren have finished the Theological course in Shaw University, the others are still in School.

Your board is striving to awaken a deep interest among our churches in Ministerial Education.

The great need to-day is a prepared ministry. Regenerated men, called to this all important work.

For several years, this Association has been making a small donation to assist young men who are not able to pay all their expenses in school. We hope that the amount will be double this year.

We need at least $1,000 (one thousand dollars)for scholar-ship, this amount would assist forty young men with twenty five dollars each, or twenty young men with fifty dollars each.

We hope that many of our churches will pledge and raise a scholar-ship fund.

This will assist in carrying the spirit of the Consti-

tution, *art. 2.* "The object of this Association shall be the promotion of *Christ's Kingdom* among men" The preaching of the gospel, is God's method of promoting His Kingdom.

WHAT THIS ASSOCIATION HAS DONE IN CHURCH BUILDING.

During these 50 years, most wonderful progress has been made in accumulating church property and building church edifices. The first constructive work done by our people was organizing and building Churches and Schools by the time the smoke of the cannons cleared away and the glad tidings of human freedom proclaimed, our people were erecting bush harbors and board shanties in which to gather and worship Him from whom these blessings came Well do we recall our boyhood days, when songs of praise, prayers of thanksgiving went up from the multitudes who assembled in their crude structures for none other purpose than to praise Him from whom all blessings flow. Then the rich sermons, imperfect from a literary standpoint, but seasoned by the Holy Spirit, stirred and inspired the people to strive for a better life.

Soon these bush harbors and board shanties were replaced by Church edifices of architectural beauty costing from $500. to $6.000.

The value of church property owned by colored people in North Carolina, alone according to the recent Census, is $3,238,735

This Association with its limited means has done what it could in assiting in this work.

The following Churches have been aided in building their houses of wor-ship, viz:

Bethlehem, Elizabeth, Felts Chapel, Little Zion, Mt. Moriah, Martin St., Macedonia. New Light, Oberlin Baptist, Stokes Chapel, Tupper Memorial, Woodland Chapel, White Oak, and Main St. Louisburg.

Respectfully submitted,
THE BOARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

We, your Committee on revision of the Constitution, recommend that, ART. 20 be stricken out, and the "Budget plan" adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS.

We, your Committee on Moderator's address, have carefully examined same, and considered the recommendations therein containd.

We endorse the recommendation that, "Foreign Mission be the principle object of our churches".

Second: That we urge as never before that, Ministerial Education be emphasized.

Third: That, we renew our loyalty to Shaw Universaty, and cheerfully respond to its claims upon us.

Fourth: We recommend that the Moderator's suggestion on Sunday School work be adopted.

Fifth: That, we urge the importance of collecting facts pertaining to race history.

Sixth: We endorse the recommendation to establish as early as possible, a weekly news paper.

Seventh; We endorse also the recommendation pertaining to rural Schools.

Eighth; We recommend that the Budget plan be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. Vincent,
G. W. Moore,
I. W. Holden.
COMMITTEE.

Treasurer's Report.

A. W. Pegues, Treasurer, in account with Wake Baptist Association.

Debit,

Balance on hand	$ 6.30.	
Received from the Committee	378.82	
" Malaby's X road	18,00	
Total		$403.12,

Disbursements.

Mrs. Sallie Mial, for missions.	$4-12	
Dr. S. N. Vass, for American Baptist Pub. Society	10.00	
John Ligon Sexton	2.00	
Dr. N. F Roberts, Clerk	18,00	
Prof. C. F. Pope, service as Corresponding Secretary	30.00	
Dr. N. F. Roberts, expenses to Lott-Carey F. Mission Con.	13.00	
Dr. M. A. Talley, exp. to Lott Carey Convention	13.00	
Dr. A. M. Moore, for Rural School	10.00	
Theological Students Shaw Shaw University	33.40	
Lott–Carey F. M. Convention,	200.00	
Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, Cor. Secretary	3.10	
Laws—Denning. for printing minutes	60.80	
Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, exp. to Convention	5.70	$403.12
Balance		.00

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As the Sunday School agency is most potent and effective in the growth of the future church, and as the Sunday School when properly conducted, is the best means of dissemminating the word of God:

Therefore, We recommend that this Association, begin a revival of Bible study in our churches, and that the pastors and officers of our churches co-operate with their respective S. S., and as far as practical teachers training classes be formed in all our S. S.

We also recommend Bible study in the homes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Vincent, *Chairman*,

Sunday School Board.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Recognizing in world-wide conditions the dawning of a new dispensation in the betterment of the unfortunate oppressed and helpless; and especially do we note growing friendly relations between the races in the South, and that God is raising up here and there from the ranks of the white race some John the Baptist, who is a voice crying in the wilderness, for equity, rightousness and a square deal in the counts and a kind and fair treatment in all matters of differences between the races.

Therefore, Be it resolved, that we place ourselves on record to do all within our power to cultivate and encrease the kindly feeling between the races, and carefully avoid any spoken or written word that might stir up strife on social matters, and that in all our dealings we exercise the Christian spirit.

A. B. Vincent, *Chairman*,

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas, the Wakefield Baptist Church and its grand liberal pastor, Dr. G. W. Moore, and the entire community of Wakefield, and Zebulon, have contributed so abundantly and cheerfully in dispensing that old time hospitality to the large delegation of the Association.

Therfore be it resolved; that we extend our profound gratitude and appreciation for the entertainment received during our sitting, and will ever cheerish the memory of this 50th. annaversary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Whereas, the hand of Providence has removed from our midst the following brethren; some of whom were pioneers in the cause of Christ; viz:

Brethren; Henry Smith, Samuel Morgan, Kemp Upchurch, R. H. High and William Feribo. also Sisters, Kattie Saunders, Lovie Morgan, Amelia Crowder, Pattie Horton and James A. Hunter.

Therefore, We extend to the bereaved families and relatives, our heartfelt sympathy and bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Foster,
H. T. Smith,
W. D. Smith,
J. R. Smith,
J. I. Walton,
D. H. Pearce,
H. T. Cook,
A. I. Goodson,

S. S. Hall,
H. Mial,
COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

We, recommend that this body condemn strong drink. and further recommend, that each church belonging to this association, the members who abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors;

We further recommend, that the use of tobacco be condemned also, and that our people learn to be temperate in speach and dress.

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. Price,
E. A. Powell.
R. C. Wheeler
S. N. Vass,
W. S. Baily,
H. D. Debnam,
C. D. Jones,
Moses Hayes
COMMITTEE.

MODERATOR,S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

To Olive Branch Church, Wakeforest.....$ 1,00
To Good Hope Church, Shotwell..... .75
To Malabys Cross Roads..... .75

To St. Matthews	.50
To Wake Chapel	.50
To Method	.26
To Providence	1.00
To Wake Field	2.00
To Mt. Pleasant	1.00
Total	$ 7.75

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board met August 22nd. 1916.

After Devotional exercises the following appropriations were made:

For Minutes and postage	$ 70.00
For Union Bapt. States Convention	30.00
For Orphan Asylum, Winston-Salem	25.00
For Orphan Asylum, Oxford	10.00
For American Bapt. Pub. Society	15.00
For Ministerial Education	60.00
For Theological Building	100.00
For Middlesex Baptist Church	5.00
For First Baptist Church, Franklinton	22.50
For Wakefield Church	22.50

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND ADDRESS.	CLERK AND ADDRESS.	
Bethlehem	C. C. Clark, Raleigh	O. L. Chavis, Raleigh	$
Felt's Chapel	R. W. Underwood, Clinton	C. D. Perry, Louisburg	
First Baptist, Franklinton	A. W. Pegues, Raleigh	C. P. Harris, Franklinton	
Good Hope	A. B. Vincent, Raleigh	G. H. Williams, Knightdale	
Gethsemane	H. Pair, Raleigh	J. W. Crudup, Louisburg	
Jones' Hill	A. T. Price, Raleigh	R. H. Jones, Spring Hope	
Liberty	C. F. Pope, Burgaw	A. Harris, Youngsville	
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Macedonia	M. L. Nicholson, Dunn	B. W. Young, Wake Forest	
Mt. Pleasant (Wake)	C. C. Clark, Raleigh	O. Allen, Neuse	
Mt. Pleasant (Franklinton)	L. A. Brooks, Franklinton	Bettie Perry, Franklinton	
Middlesex	J. S. Staton, Middlesex	J. N. Smith, Middlesex	
New Light	C. H. Dunn, Wake Forest	Avery Hockady, Creedmore	
Oak City Baptist	J. W. Jones, Wilson's Mills	Moses M. Williams	
Pleasant Grove	A. T. Price, Raleigh	F. M. Morgan, Zebulon, R. 1	
Springfield	J. W. Ligon, Raleigh	T. J. Seawell, Raleigh, R. 2	
Spring Hope		G. W. Spivey	
Stokes' Chapel	C. H. Dunn, Wake Forest	J. L. Ricks, Bailey, R. 2	
Wake Chapel	J. W. Jones, Wilson's Mills	R. Ellis, Raleigh, R. 1	
Wakefield	G. W. Moore, Raleigh	J. J. High, Zebulon	
Friendship Chapel	J. W. Jones, Wilson's Mills	W. T. Alston, Wake Forest	
Zebulon Baptist	G. W. Moore, Raleigh	A. L. Bowen, Zebulon	
South Park, Raleigh	John D. Dunston, Raleigh	Anna Timberlick, Raleigh	
Baptist Grove	R. B. Jones, Raleigh	H. G. Holden, Raleigh	
Elizabeth	A. B. Vincent, Raleigh	Robt. Wheeler, Middlesex	
First Baptist, Wilson	P. P. Watson, Wilson	N. A. Pearce, Wilson	2
Holly Springs	G. W. Moore, Raleigh	David H. Jones, Holly Springs	
Juniper Level	A. T. Price, Raleigh	W. G. Walton, Garner	
Little Zion	P. S. Alston, Henderson	James E. Spivey, Youngsville	
Malaby's Cross Roads	H. Pair, Knightdale	H. W. Brown, Raleigh, R. 2	
New Bethel	D. S. Saulter, High Point	M. C. Baker, Wake Forest	
New Providence	W. A. Jones, Raleigh	J. W. Laws, Holly Springs	
Oberlin Baptist	S. H. Witherspoon, West Raleigh	R. L. Hunter, West Raleigh	
Old Liberty	R. J. Johnson, Raleigh	Jas. O. Debnam, Youngsville	
Olive Branch	M. C. Ransom, Oxford	J. D. Kearney, Wake Forest	
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St. Matthew's	H. Pair, Knightdale	Moses P. Hunter, Raleigh, R. 5	
Tupper Memorial	W. T. Coleman, Raleigh	A. J. Holcomb, Raleigh	
Union Grove	W. T. Coleman, Raleigh	Chas. H. Harris, Youngsville	
Union Baptist	D. J. Avery, Raleigh	W. L. Speed, Holly Springs	
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